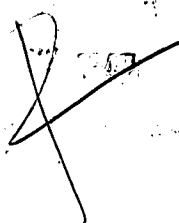


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HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

JANUARY, 1947.

Despite some rather discouraging weather for motoring, the total volume of international automobile traffic crossing the Canadian border in the first month of the year reached a total of 342,312 vehicles compared with 294,593 in January, 1946 an increase of 16.2 p.c. Total traffic during the month included about 227,400 cars of foreign registry and 114,900 returning Canadian vehicles. Of the foreign or U.S. cars checked inward 189,790 were of the non-permit or local class, while 24,306 were entered on Tourist Permits and 13,288 as Commercial Vehicles. The Canadian cars returning comprised 96,935 remaining in the States 24 hours or less, 5,154 over 24 hours and some 12,839 Commercial Vehicles of Canadian licence.

Compared with January, 1946 when rain and icy conditions were not so prevalent, total foreign entries by tourist cars declined about 9 p.c. from 26,780 although four of the seven provincial regions registered gains. Short term American traffic to Canada in the month showed a gain of 16.6 p.c. in the same comparison advancing from 162,652 to 189,790 entries.

In a similar month to month comparison the number of Canadian motorists returning after stays of more than 24 hours was up over 25 p.c. aggregating 5,154 as against 4,098 in January, 1946, while the number of cars remaining less than 24 hours reached 96,935 compared with 78,383.

Due in part to the shortage of railway freight cars in both countries, the international movement of commodities by commercial vehicles has been increasing steadily in the last five years. In the year 1943 some 132,000 Commercial Vehicle permits were issued to American trucks and this number had risen to 183,000 by 1946; similarly Canadian commercial vehicles returning from the States advanced from 112,000 in 1943 to nearly 150,000 in 1946. Some of this traffic is indeed between parent companies and branch plants in either country and is heavy at Windsor, Edmundston and St. Stephen, N.B., Fort Erie and Niagara Falls. Likewise there has been a considerable amount of intransit freight across Southern Ontario under wartime or special emergency permission and inward through Coutts and Del Bonita, Alberta enroute to Alaska. During January, 13,288 permits were issued to U.S. Commercial Vehicles to enter Canada compared with 11,815 in the first month of 1946, while 12,839 Canadian Commercial Vehicles returned as against 10,865 in January 1946, indicating that this movement is continuing to increase.

On a provincial basis American tourist car entries in January displayed diverse tendencies. Entries into the Maritimes, Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta and Yukon increased over the same month of last year while declines were registered into Ontario, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. Tourist car entries into the Maritimes at 1,606 during the month were up nearly 46 p.c. over January 1946, while Quebec recorded an advance of 10 p.c. at 4,318 cars. Manitoba entries rose from 217 to 333 and Alberta from 99 to 110. However, declines of 2,237 tourist cars in Ontario and

1,231 into B.C. offset the other regional advances and the net result was a decrease of about 9 p.c. or 2,474 cars from January, 1946 when motoring conditions were generally more favourable, rainfall in the current January having been double that experienced in the same month last year. In contrast with tourist car entries, local or non-permit traffic, as well as foreign commercial vehicles, registered good gains over January, 1946 in all provinces except Saskatchewan.

Attaining a volume nearly  $4\frac{1}{2}$  times that of January, 1946, the output of passenger automobiles in the United States in the first month of the 1947 model reached 249,466 cars of which an estimated 232,500 were released for domestic users and about 17,000 exported compared with the domestic sale of 53,441 and foreign sales of 2,926 in January, 1946. Canadian plants produced 11,416 passenger units in January with 8,073 going to dealers and 3,343 crated for abroad, principally destined to Commonwealth countries. This compares with 1,390 cars for the domestic market and only one for export in January last year.

Current interest in Canada as a vacation land unlimited is most encouraging. The Canadian Travel Bureau is a hive of activity with inquiries already averaging over 1,100 per day. The volume of all Canadian travel to the States is very heavy this winter with generally much higher average expenditures per capita.

# COMPARISON: TOURIST CAR ENTRIES

J A N U A R Y	January 1937 - 1947.	
	Travellers Vehicle Permits Foreign Vehicles Inward	Returning Canadian Cars Abroad Over 24 hours
1937	25,883	(1)
1938	25,895	(1)
1939	23,273	(1)
1940	20,998	8,647
1941	20,361	1,549
1942	19,561	2,366
1943	6,278	1,085
1944	13,037	1,646
1945	10,556	1,560
1946	26,780	4,098
1947	24,306	5,154
Average	19,721	Average: 3,263

(1) Comparable category not available.

MONTHLY STATEMENT BY PORTS OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

JANUARY, 1947

Port and Province	Number of Foreign Vehicles Inward			Number of Canadian Vehicles Inward		
	Non- Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Travel- ler's Vehicle Permits	Com- mercial Vehicles	Length of stay abroad 24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	Com- mercial Vehicles
<u>Prince Edward Island (x)</u>						
Charlottetown .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Summerside .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, Prince Edward Island ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Nova Scotia (x)</u>						
Annapolis Royal .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Halifax .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liverpool .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Sydney .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pictou .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Truro .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yarmouth .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>New Brunswick</u>						
Andover .....	1,008	202	522	1,499	5	381
Aroostook Jct .....	33	-	14	30	-	2
Bellefville .....	74	-	14	119	1	59
Bloomfield .....	107	8	38	105	1	32
Brown Road .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Campobello .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Centreville .....	313	28	86	352	16	238
Clair .....	3,231	257	270	2,523	3	198
Connors .....	32	1	-	12	-	256
Edmundston .....	11,782	169	1,682	3,582	50	1,028
Forest City .....	80	1	5	53	1	34

(x) As Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island have no ports of entry adjacent to the United States boundary, vehicles proceeding to these provinces (with the exception of those travelling direct from the United States by steamer) enter through ports in other provinces and are recorded in the latter.

Port and Province	Number of Foreign Vehicles Inward			Number of Canadian Vehicles Inward		
	Non- Permit Class (local Traffic)	Travel- ler's Vehicle Permits	Com- mercial Vehicles	Length of stay abroad		Com- mercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
<u>New Brunswick - Cont'd.</u>						
Fosterville .....	95	-	6	160	-	59
Four Falls .....	168	14	18	108	-	9
Gillespie .....	608	108	103	343	-	99
Grand Falls .....	325	44	99	158	2	30
Lord's Cove .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
McAdam Jct .....	-	2	-	-	-	-
Milltown .....	3,761	21	98	2,916	1	295
River de Chute .....	176	12	27	79	-	96
St. Andrews .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Croix .....	994	33	100	707	1	304
St. Hilaire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. John .....	-	2	-	-	-	-
St. Leonard .....	5,708	204	552	5,226	2	440
St. Stephen .....	18,014	440	716	14,367	107	795
Union Corner .....	102	-	25	75	-	43
Upper Mills .....	448	2	19	461	1	73
Wilson's Beach .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Woodstock Road .....	1,309	58	127	1,176	14	218
Total, New Brunswick .....	48,368	1,606	4,521	34,051	205	4,689
<u>Quebec</u>						
Abercorn .....	859	250	128	1,356	4	152
Armstrong .....	58	36	52	223	217	322
Beebe .....	869	24	45	294	4	12
Chartierville .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clarenceville .....	85	34	14	83	3	24
Comins Mills .....	437	-	91	504	14	360
Covey Hill .....	34	7	2	36	1	34
Dundee .....	345	18	49	615	5	49
East Pinnacle .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Estcourt .....	-	4	-	-	-	319
Franklin Centre .....	8	38	-	5	-	-
Frelighsburg .....	248	93	100	129	6	36
Glen Sutton .....	158	284	335	355	-	69
Hemmingford .....	257	81	82	501	7	47
Herdman .....	194	64	28	308	9	40
Hereford Road .....	393	5	56	176	2	35
Highwater .....	637	300	341	408	9	13
Jamieson's Line .....	15	9	1	7	-	-
Lac Frontiere .....	1	-	3	-	-	-
Lac Memphremagog ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lacolle .....	555	805	59	1,122	263	183
Montreal .....	-	1	-	-	-	-

Port and Province	Number of Foreign Vehicles Inward			Number of Canadian Vehicles Inward		
	Non- Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Travel- ler's Vehicle Permits	Com- mercial Vehicles	Length of stay abroad		Com- mercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
<u>Quebec - Cont'd</u>						
Morses Line .....	113	53	37	72	2	21
Noyan .....	121	47	22	185	4	31
Philipsburg .....	486	1,132	212	478	122	190
Quebec .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rock Island .....	1,918	337	136	1,642	25	97
St. Armand .....	-	4	-	-	-	-
St. Pamphile .....	-	1	-	-	-	-
St. Zacharie .....	-	-	-	148	1	1
Stanhope .....	271	510	44	764	99	231
Trout River .....	435	153	23	705	18	85
Woburn .....	222	28	1	153	19	26
Total, Quebec .....	8,719	4,318	1,861	10,269	834	2,377
<u>Ontario.</u>						
Brockville .....	13	-	-	8	2	-
Cobourg .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cornwall .....	1,345	76	84	1,046	24	141
Courtright .....	19	12	-	4	1	-
Fort Erie .....	23,944	3,149	630	6,885	411	516
Fort Frances .....	2,824	73	147	1,756	19	843
Fort William .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gananoque .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kingston .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kingsville .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lansdowne .....	136	342	154	361	87	99
Leamington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morrisburg .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Niagara Falls .....	15,942	2,333	170	15,735	416	437
Pigeon River .....	135	60	11	129	76	18
Port Arthur .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Port Lambton .....	-	9	-	-	-	-
Prescott .....	385	54	40	293	40	48
Rainy River .....	246	17	31	677	3	115
Sarnia .....	4,615	1,222	122	2,277	260	201
Sault Ste. Marie ..	1,035	66	26	1,434	37	33
Sombra .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Toronto .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Walpole Island ....	-	3	-	-	-	-
West Dock .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Windsor .....	73,499	5,537	4,277	7,594	1,184	1,326
Total, Ontario .....	124,138	12,953	5,692	38,199	2,560	3,777

Port and Province	Number of			Number of		
	Foreign Vehicles Inward			Canadian Vehicles Inward		
	Non- Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Travel- ler's Vehicle Permits	Com- mercial Vehicles	Length of stay abroad		Com- mercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
<u>Manitoba</u>						
Boissevain .....	23	16	4	29	16	-
Cartwright .....	13	3	-	22	1	-
Coulter .....	4	1	-	32	1	10
Crystal City .....	31	4	5	17	1	8
Emerson .....	1,214	234	26	527	202	43
Goodlands .....	21	7	2	128	4	1
Gretna .....	1,126	13	12	503	5	249
Haskett .....	383	46	16	808	5	139
Lena .....	33	8	8	57	2	11
Lyleton .....	4	-	1	31	2	7
Middlebro .....	48	-	48	38	-	11
Piney .....	74	1	4	36	1	7
Snowflake .....	15	-	2	16	-	6
South Junction ....	63	-	12	56	-	5
Windygates .....	18	-	-	1	-	-
Total						
Manitoba .....	3,070	333	140	2,301	240	497
<u>Saskatchewan</u>						
Big Beaver .....	1	-	-	4	-	10
East Poplar River .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Elmore .....	59	-	-	48	-	9
Estevan .....	150	6	4	120	30	22
Marienthal .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Monchy .....	2	1	-	3	1	-
Northgate .....	208	5	26	285	4	34
North Portal .....	315	7	199	506	24	84
Oungre .....	2	-	-	23	2	7
Regway .....	4	2	1	23	3	4
Treelon .....	3	-	-	2	2	-
West Poplar River.	-	-	-	-	1	2
Willow Creek .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total,						
Saskatchewan .....	744	21	230	1,014	67	172
<u>Alberta</u>						
Aden .....	7	2	1	16	1	1
Carway .....	2	1	2	1	2	-
Chief Mountain ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coutts .....	788	96	354	1,106	134	451
Del Bonita .....	49	11	38	17	-	4
Wild Horse .....	1	-	-	10	-	6
Total,						
Alberta .....	847	110	395	1,150	137	462



Port and Province	Number of Foreign Vehicles Inward			Number of Canadian Vehicles Inward		
	Non- Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Travel- ler's Vehicle Permits	Com- mercial Vehicles	Length of stay abroad		Com- mercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
<b>British Columbia</b>						
Aldergrove .....	467	237	70	877	98	135
Boundary Bay .....	500	68	38	656	41	64
Carson .....	176	85	18	92	4	7
Cascade City .....	132	88	6	145	12	23
Flathead .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Huntingdon .....	1,028	115	50	2,128	158	101
Keremeos .....	2	-	-	1	3	-
Kingsgate .....	25	28	3	47	115	17
Midway .....	49	2	-	10	-	2
Nelway .....	44	12	-	45	41	6
New Westminster ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Osoyoos .....	306	181	51	1,231	142	97
Pacific Highway ..	892	3,870	144	4,169	351	65
Paterson .....	65	23	7	174	28	48
Pleasant Camp ....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Powell River .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert .....	-	2	-	-	-	-
Roosville .....	11	3	1	55	9	2
Rykerts .....	163	2	9	244	35	64
Sidney .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Silver Heights ...	-	-	2	22	-	29
Skagit .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stewart .....	38	-	50	50	-	204
Vancouver .....	-	6	-	-	-	-
Victoria .....	-	234	-	5	72	1
Waneta .....	6	-	-	-	2	-
<b>Total, British Columbia ...</b>	<b>3,904</b>	<b>4,956</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>9,951</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>865</b>
<b>Yukon Territory</b>						
Dawson .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whitehorse .....	-	9	-	-	-	-
<b>Total, Yukon Territory ....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL,</b>						
<b>CANADA .....</b>	<b>189,790</b>	<b>24,306</b>	<b>13,288</b>	<b>96,935</b>	<b>5,154</b>	<b>12,839</b>

SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

JANUARY, 1946 and JANUARY, 1947

<u>NUMBER OF FOREIGN VEHICLES INWARD</u>						
Province	Non-Permit Class Local Traffic		Traveller's Vehicle Permits		Commercial Vehicles	
	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947
Prince Edward Island ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick .....	46,347	48,368	1,103	1,606	3,687	4,521
Quebec .....	8,069	8,719	3,925	4,318	1,698	1,861
Ontario .....	101,883	124,138	15,190	12,953	5,522	5,692
Manitoba .....	2,107	3,070	217	333	59	140
Saskatchewan .....	792	744	54	21	304	230
Alberta .....	535	847	99	110	244	395
British Columbia .....	2,919	3,904	6,187	4,956	301	449
Yukon Territory .....	-	-	5	9	-	-
TOTAL .....	162,652	189,790	26,780	24,306	11,815	13,288

SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

JANUARY, 1946 and JANUARY, 1947.

NUMBER OF CANADIAN VEHICLES INWARD.

Province	Length of stay abroad					
	24 hours or less		Over 24 hours		Commercial Vehicles	
	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947
Prince Edward Island..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick .....	29,110	34,051	158	205	4,288	4,689
Quebec .....	8,297	10,269	606	834	2,536	2,377
Ontario .....	29,601	38,199	1,675	2,560	2,588	3,777
Manitoba .....	1,226	2,301	148	240	181	497
Saskatchewan .....	1,540	1,014	121	67	158	172
Alberta .....	750	1,150	91	137	366	462
British Columbia .....	7,859	9,951	1,299	1,111	748	865
Yukon Territory .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL .....	78,383	96,935	4,098	5,154	10,865	12,839

The following notes define briefly the classifications used in the tables:

1. "Commercial Vehicles" are trucks used for commercial purposes.
2. Vehicles not classified as commercial vehicles consist of automobiles, taxis, motorcycles and bicycles.
3. Through buses, local buses, horse-drawn vehicles, and military trucks, or other military vehicles, are not included in any of the classifications.

4. Foreign Vehicles Inward

(a) Non-Permit Class (E.49)

Local vehicles which are not required to make out formal Customs permits. They are restricted to travel within the jurisdiction of the port and may not remain in Canada more than 48 hours.

Also included are the repeat trips of commuters and others who cross the border frequently on commuting permits. (See below).

(b) Traveller's Vehicle Permits (E.50).

Traveller's vehicle permits are issued to all non-commercial vehicles which -

1. Travel beyond the jurisdiction of the port of entry, or
2. remain in Canada more than 48 hours, or
3. leave the country by another port than the one by which they entered.

These permits are usually issued for periods of 60 days or 6 months, but a considerable number is issued to vehicles which are in Canada less than 48 hours.

Also included in this class are commuting permits which entitle the holders to cross the border frequently during the tenure of their permits. Repeat trips after the first, however, are included in the non-permit class, as mentioned above.

5. Canadian Vehicles Inward (E.60A).

Canadian vehicles returning to Canada are classified by length-of-stay depending upon whether they are abroad for more or less than 24 hours.

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Statistics on volume of highway traffic have been published annually from 1923 to 1937, and have been published annually and monthly from January 1938 to date. Certain changes in classification instituted in April, 1941 do not permit exact comparisons between data published before and after that date. Particulars of changes in classification can be found on page 4 of the annual statement for the year 1944.

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